

(b) The designation-wise number of posts filled by the candidates belonging to SC/ST are as under:—

	S.C.	S.T.
1. Under Secretary	1	—
2. Assistant	1	—
3. Personal Assistant	1	—
4. U.D.C.	1	—
5. Stenographer	1	—
6. L.D.C	2	2
7. Peon	2	1
8. Staff Car Driver Gd. II	1	—
9. Despatch Rider	1	—

(c) and (d) There is no Department under the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. As far as Ministry proper is concerned, no reserved posts are lying vacant in the Ministry. However, some reserved posts have been filled by General Category candidates for want of eligible SC/ST candidates and also due to the application of 50% ceiling in reservation. Regarding reserved vacancies filled by Direct Recruitment, there is a ban on dereservation and the Ministry has no power for de-reserving the vacancies and the unfilled reserved vacancies are treated as backlog vacancies.

(e) and (f) The Ministry follows the instructions issued by the Government of India in this regard from time to time. Subject to availability of vacancies, the carried forward vacancies will be filled by the SC/ST candidates as and when they become eligible.

[English]

#### Oil Sector in Andhra Pradesh

839. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have agreed to invest Rs. 9700 crores in oil sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposal in this regard have been worked out and submitted to the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated amount proposed to be spent for exploring new oil wells in the State;

(e) the details of the Refineries proposed to be set up in the State;

(f) whether the capacity of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, Visakhapatnam refinery is likely to be increased; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) to (g) Government has, on 13.9.95, approved Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited's proposal for expansion of the refining capacity of Vizag Refinery from 4.5 MMTPA to 7.5 MMTPA, at an estimated cost of Rs. 998.26 crores, with a completion schedule of 36 months from the date of Govt. approval. Letters of Intent have also been issued to two Refineries (100% EOU) in the Private Sector, viz., M/s. Black Gold (2.5 MMTPA) and M/s. Jindal Ferro (6.0 MMTPA).

#### Central Water Commission

840. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has urged Union Government to direct the Central Water Commission to review sanctions and clearance granted to illegal projects such as upper Tunga, Ramthal lift, seven undisclosed barrages on the main river Krishna above Almati dam and several other minor irrigation schemes;

(b) if so, Andhra Pradesh has also urged to restrain the Karnataka Government from proceeding with the construction of the illegal projects;

(c) whether the Government advise the CWC to furnish copies of the detailed project reports to the Andhra Pradesh Government to facilitate a detailed scrutiny from an inter-state angle; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government has agreed to provide all necessary materials to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh has urged Union Government to